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1. SIHANOUK'S REACTION (REFERENCES) TO THE GKR'S JULY 9
NEGOTIATIONS PROPOSAL IS PREDICTABLY ILL-TEMPERED AND REPLETE
WITH THE USUAL NAME-CALLING AGAINST THE U.S. AND THE GKR. WE
ARE INCLINED TO SHARE AFP PEKING CORRESPONDENT FLIP'S VIEW
(REF A) THAT SIHANOUK DID NOT BOTHER TO COORDINATE HIS
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OUT-OF-HAND REJECTION OF THE PROPOSAL WITH OTHER

CONCERNED PARTIES. IN THIS RESPECT, WE NOTE THAT PEKING'S NCNA (REF D) HAS PLAYED THE STATEMENT IN STRAIGHTFORWARD, DESCRIPTIVE FASHION WITHOUT COMMENT. THERE HAS BEEN NO REACTION AS YET FROM THE FUNK CLANDESTINE PROPAGANDA MEDIA: SIHANOUK'S REACTION CAN BE PUT IN BETTER PERSPECTIVE AFTER THE "INTERIOR" HAS BEEN HEARD FROM.

2. IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT THE MARKED CONTRAST BETWEEN THE GKR'S BALANCED, NON-POLEMICAL PROPOSAL AND SIHANOUK'S INSTANT, SHRILL AND CATEGORICAL REJECTION OF IT WILL BE NOTED BY THE MANY COUNTRIES WHO HAVE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE KHMER CONFLICT WILL BE ENDED PEACEFULLY THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS -- COUNTRIES WHICH WILL, OF COURSE, BE VOTING ON THE KHMER CREDENTIALS ISSUE AT THE UN THIS FALL.

3. DEPT. MAY WISH TO SUGGEST TO USUN WAYS IN WHICH THIS JUXTAPOSITION COULD BE EXPLOITED TO GKR'S ADVANTAGE IN APPROACHES TO OTHER DELEGATIONS.
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